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SUBJECT: VISIT TO PHILIPPINES OF UNDER SECRETARY MAW

1. UNDER SECREATERY OF STATE FOR SECURITY AFFAIRS CARLYLE E. MAW VISITED PHILIPPINES FROM JANUARY 12 THROUGH JANUARY 15. HE WAS EXTENSIVELY BRIEFED BY ALL ELEMENTS OF THE U.S. MISSION AND BY PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT. HE MET PRESIDENT MARCOS, SENIOR CABINET OFFICERS, MILITARY LEADERSHIP, AND DIPLOMATIC CORPS. HE VISITED THE BATAAN ARSENAL, CORREGIDOR, SUBIC, AND CLARK. ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. MAW, MAJ. GEN. GRIMSLEY, AND STAFF MEMBERS FROM STATE, DEFENSE, AND AID, THE UNDER SECRETARY WAS WELL RECEIVED BY HIS FILIPINO HOSTS AND MADE A CONSTRUCTIVE AND CONGENIAL IMPRESSION ON ALL CONCERNED. EMBASSY REGARDS THIS VISIT AS VERY HELPFUL CONTRIBUTION TO

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CONTINUING U.S. -PHILIPPINE RELATIONS.

2. THE UNDER SECRETARY BEGAN HIS VISIT WITH COURTESY CALLS ON FOREIGN SECRETARY ROMULO, DEFENSE SECRETARY ENRILE, AND ACTING CHIEF OF STAFF ILETO. ALL THREE OF THESE OFFICIALS OPENED THEIR CONVERSATIONS WITH EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN ABOUT POSSIBLE MILITARY ACTION IN THE MIDDLE EAST. WE DOUBT THESE QUERIES WERE ORCHESTRATED, BUT THINK THEY REFLECT THE HEAVY MEDIA PLAY THAT WAS GIVEN TO THE SECRETARY'S COMMENTS ON USE OF FORCE IN THE BUSINESS WEEK INTERVIEW. OTHER CONVERSATION IN THESE COURTESY CALLS WAS LIMITED TO RATHER GENERALIZED DISCUSSION ON STATE OF WORLD ECONOMY, U.S.-PHILIPPINE RELATIONS, AND THE MUSLIM INSURGENCY IN SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES.

3. CALL ON ACTING CHIEF OF STAFF WAS FOLLOWED BY BRIEFING ON PHILIPPINE "SELF-RELIANCE PROGRAM" OF MILITARY PRODUCTION AND PROCUREMENT. ALTHOUGH BRIEFING WAS ACCURATE AND WELL DONE, IT LEFT CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT MAJOR MILITARY PROCUREMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO BE FROM EXTERNAL SOURCES - PRIMARILY U.S.

4. DINNER AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE EVENING JANUARY 13 EXPANDED UNDER SECRETARY'S INTRODUCTION TO ADDITIONAL FILIPINOS INTERESTED IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SECURITY MATTERS, AND LAW OF THE SEA. UNFORTUNATELY, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ALEX MELCHOR, WHO COORDINATES MOST SECURITY MATTERS, LEFT THAT SAME EVENING FOR JIDDA AND WAS UNABLE TO MEET WITH MR. MAW.

5. JANUARY 14 BEGAN WITH BREAKFAST HOSTED BY THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, WHO GAVE THE UNDER SECRETARY A RECITAL OF THEIR PROBLEMS ON LAND TITLES, BUT ALSO EXCHANGED VIEWS ABOUT THE WORLD ECONOMY. THE UNDER SECRETARY THEN PARTICIPATED BRIEFLY IN A CALL ON THE AMBASSADOR BY CHIEF OF STAFF, USAF, GENERAL JONES, WHO WAS VISITING MANILA. SUBSEQUENTLY, HE WAS BRIEFED ON LAND REFORM, AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND INDUSTRIAL EXPANSION BY A GOP TEAM LED BY SECRETARY OF INDUSTRY PATERNO.

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6. FOLLOWING THIS SESSION, THE UNDER SECRETARY HAD A WORKING LUNCH WITH PRESIDENT MARCOS AND SENIOR PHILIPPINE REPRESENTATIVES. THIS LUNCHEON DISCUSSION CONSTITUTED THE SUBSTANTIVE CENTERPIECE OF THE VISIT. DISCUSSION RANGED OVER (A) MIDDLE EAST, (B) PHILIPPINE NEGOTIATIONS WITH CHINA, (C) PHILIPPINE NEGOTIATIONS WITH MUSLIM SECESSIONISTS, (D) U.S. MILITARY BASES IN PHILIPPINES, (E) LAW OF THE SEA, AND (F) U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO

THE PHILIPPINES.

7. SEPARATE REPORTING CABLES HAVE COVERED ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO VARIOUS POSTS ON THESE CONVERSATIONS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF DISCUSSIONS ON U.S. MILITARY BASES AND U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO THE PHILIPPINES. ON BASES, MARCOS MADE CLEAR THAT HE WAS NOT PRESSING THE ISSUE AT THIS TIME. HIS NEGOTIATOR, EX-SENATOR PELAEZ (WHO WAS PRESENT) JOKINGLY SAID HE WAS "WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS." IN SIMILARLY LIGHT VEIN, MARCOS SAID THAT WAS A GOOD DIPLOMATIC POSITION TO BE IN. THE SUBJECT WAS DROPPED.

8. ON MILITARY ASSISTANCE, MARCOS STRESSED NEED NOT ONLY FOR CONTINUING MATERIEL AID, BUT ALSO FOR TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES IN U.S. FACILITIES. HE SAID OTHER TRAINING WAS NOT COMPATIBLE WITH FILIPINO MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT. UNDER SECRETARY MAW, AFTER REFERRING BRIEFLY TO CONGRESSIONAL REQUIREMENT THAT U.S. EXECUTIVE PREPARE A PHASEOUT OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, ADVISED THE PRESIDENT THAT, IN VIEW OF U.S.-PHILIPPINE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP, "ONE WAY OR ANOTHER" WE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO PHILIPPINES.
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